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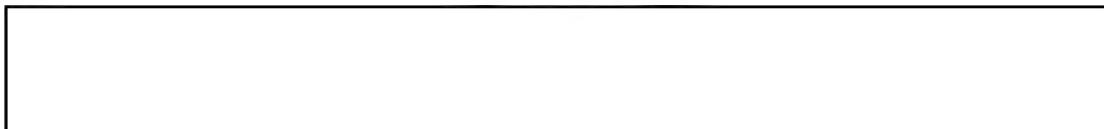
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DAILY BRIEF

Brazil: The provisional government continues to consolidate its position as the mass arrest of Communists and leftists goes on.

The revolutionary leaders appear determined to carry out a purge at state and municipal levels as well as in the federal government. Ousted Governor Arraes of Pernambuco is under arrest while the pro-Goulart governors of Bahia and Sergipe have been placed under virtual house arrest by the army.

Orders reportedly have been issued to remove from office municipal officials suspected of Communist leanings.

Pressure is mounting, largely from the military, to unseat all Communist and pro-Communist congressmen despite the fact that they were elected under the banner of other parties.

*The revolutionary leaders and other prominent political figures have presented Congress with an additional demand for immediate election of a president to fill the remainder of Goulart's term, cloaking the demand with a threat of direct action against the Congress.

There are indications that the Congress may take early action on the matter. Although General Castello Branco is the front runner, the Social Democrats and members of the Brazilian Labor Party insist he is barred by the constitution because he is on active duty.

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Reaction from Latin America, both official and press, has been generally favorable to the ouster of Goulart. The indications are that most Latin American countries will soon follow Argentina in announcing that relations with Brazil are still in force. Mexico may take a more reserved position and suspend relations.

Reporting from the Communist bloc deplores the overthrow of Goulart as a US-sponsored "reactionary plot."

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*South Vietnam: Plotting against the Khanh regime apparently continues.

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Khanh has been removing officers of questionable loyalty from troop commands in the Saigon area. He has reduced the size of the III Corps area around Saigon, and on 5 April changed its commander.

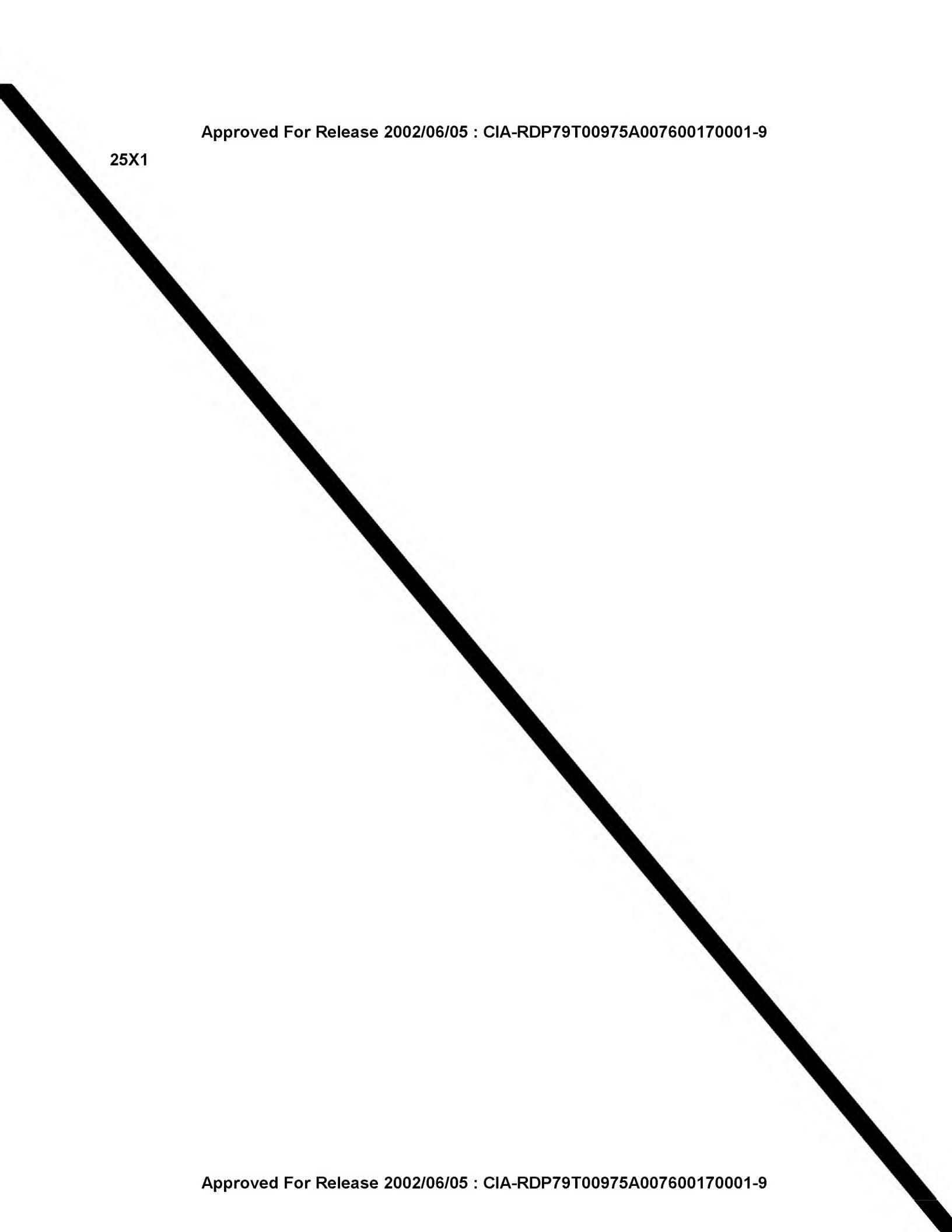
Several key III Corps units are now directly subordinate to the Joint General Staff, whose loyalty to Khanh would appear to be a critical factor.

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Britain: ["Reliable political observers" now expect the Labor Party to win the Greater London Council elections on 9 April by a substantial margin. Such a result, combined with recent public opinion polls which show Labor maintaining its wide lead over the Conservatives, could increase pressure on Prime Minister Douglas-Home to delay a general election until autumn.]

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